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## NO COLORED WOMEN THERE

Members of Suffrage Convention  
Cried Before They Were  
Hurt.

AFRAID OF THE HORRID THINGS

Attendance At Reception Slim on  
Account of Rumors That  
Ladies of Color Would  
Be Present.

New Orleans, March 26.—The threatened trouble over the color question having simmered down, the National Council of Women of the United States opened their executive session here today and the general officers held their public reception tonight. No negroes were present on either occasion.

Mrs. May Wright Sewell, president of the International Council, said that there never had been any probability of the attendance of colored women at the social functions. "There are only two colored women in the world entitled to be present at the business sessions here," said Mrs. Sewell. One was Mrs. Yates of Missouri and the other was Mrs. Williams of this city. Mrs. Yates could not come and sent her proxy.

"But Mrs. Williams, to whom a proxy was forwarded, had written to me that she never had any intention of participating in the meeting," continued Mrs. Sewell. The unfortunate announcement of the possibility of colored delegates attending, which impelled local women to withdraw from the reception, not only made tonight's reception by the national officials a slimly attended affair, but it probably will result in the future separation of the conventions of the National Suffrage Association and the National Association of Women.

## Will Cause a Big Rush

Million Acres of Land to Be Opened  
in June.

Los Angeles, March 26.—If present indications hold true, one of the greatest "land rushes" of modern date in the west will storm the United States land office here in June, when the million acres of land recently restored by the government to public domain, reaching from Mojave to the Colorado river, is thrown open to entry.

The local land office is receiving nearly 200 letters a day, coming from every state in the union. One of the letters from New York state requests the fullest details, stating that the writer is planning to settle a colony of 10,000 ranchers on the desert if he can locate "on the ground floor of the agricultural sections along the river. A pilgrimage to the rich sections along the Colorado river to be included in the operations now in progress under the provisions of the national irrigation bill has set in. Desert land, however, comprises the vast majority of the acres to be opened to the settlement, and it has very little value until water is turned upon it.

## A NOVEL WAY OF WASTING MONEY

Dinner on Horseback at \$100 a Plate  
in a \$200,000 Stable.

New York, March 26.—C. K. Billings, the Chicago horseman, will give a novel dinner on Saturday evening to 36 members of the Equestrian club. The dinner is to be in celebration of the opening of Mr. Billings' \$200,000 stable in this city, and will be served on horseback, each guest having in front of him on his saddle a table on which will be placed the various courses.

Beside each horse there is to be a waiter to serve the rider, and at each horse's head a groom will stand lest a sudden start would spill rider and dinner together. It is estimated that the cost of the dinner, which will be given in the carriage room of the new stable, will be approximately \$100 a plate.

PLATT FOR LOW.  
Thinks Administration of the Mayor  
Is a Success.  
New York, March 26.—Thomas C.

Platt, at a conference of republican leaders held in his rooms in the Fifth Avenue hotel last night, declared for the renomination of Seth Low for mayor, and announced that he would do everything in his power to cause his election.

Senator Platt believes the mayor's administration has demonstrated the success of the fusion movement, and he favors a similar movement this year.

## Sandbag Men Do Heavy Work

Holdup Artists Held Up Every Man  
Who Came Their Way.

San Francisco, March 26.—Four men, armed with sandbags, secreted themselves inside the entrance to Greenwich street wharf No. 1 yesterday morning and robbed every person who passed through the gate. The place was absolutely dark and before they ceased their operations the robbers had held up eight men. Several of the victims resisted, but they were soon overpowered and their money taken from them. One man, a Chilean sailor, was struck on the head with a sandbag and it was some time before he regained consciousness.

Three of the victims were sailors on the revenue cutter Thetis, lying at the Filbert street wharf. Five were Chilean seamen on the Comos steamer The Ben, which lies at the Greenwich street wharf. Small sums were obtained in all cases. No arrests have been made.

## Take Plenty of Time to Eat

Centenarian Attributes Long Life to  
Good Habits.

New York, March 26.—Born in 1802 in this city, Isaac B. Price is celebrating today his 101st birthday. During his life Mr. Price has only once been outside the city limits; he has never been outside of the state; he has never ridden on a trolley car and although he has crossed the East River many times, he has never been over the Brooklyn bridge. He takes great pride in his long life.

"I think it is due," he said, "to the fact that I thoroughly masticate my food and that I have never drank liquor or smoked. I have chewed tobacco however, since I was a boy. I have always taken a full hour to each meal, sometimes more. If people nowadays would only take time to masticate their food properly there would not be so much trouble from indigestion and dyspepsia and they would live longer."

## Undiscovered Continent

Scientist Explains That Country in  
South Is a Vast One.

London, March 26.—President Markham of the Royal Geographical Society, commenting on the achievements of the British Antarctic ship Discovery, says it has been proven conclusively that the greater part of the Antarctic region is a vast one.

Captain Scott, the commander of the Discovery, penetrated 100 miles further south than any other previous explorer, and discovered an extensive mountainous region, hitherto absolutely unknown, extending to 83.20 south. He thinks this indicates that the land stretches to the pole in a series of very lofty mountains, which is considered to be far the most important geographical result ever achieved in Antarctic exploration. The Discovery wintered 400 miles farther south than any vessel had previously wintered.

## New Labor Departure

Japanese and Chinese Union Favored  
by Los Angeles County Council.

Los Angeles, March 26.—The Los Angeles county council of labor has adopted resolutions endorsing the action of the state organization in effecting the unionization of Japanese and Mexican laborers at Oxnard. The council adopted a further resolution favoring the unionization of all unskilled Asiatic and other alien laborers in Los Angeles.

Local labor leaders state that this is the first time that a union organization has gone on record as in any way favoring Asiatic labor.

## EXAMINATION HAS ENDED

Inquest Into Death of Burdick  
Concluded Yesterday  
Afternoon.

LITTLE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

Shown That Murdered Man Was  
Affectionate Father and  
His Life Was Without Taint.

Buffalo, March 26.—The inquest into the death of E. L. Burdick who was murdered just one month ago, ended this afternoon. At the close of the inquest Judge Murphey announced that the official inquiry into the tragic death of Arthur Pennell, who has figured so prominently in the Burdick inquest, will begin next Monday.

The Burdick inquest has served to develop several theories relative to the crime that had been suggested many days ago, but it would be hardly correct to say that the investigation has added anything tangible to any of these theories.

Aside from the failure of the authorities to secure evidence bearing directly upon the commission of the crime or to establish the identity of the murderer, there is a feeling of satisfaction that the name of Burdick has been lifted from the mire, in which it was at first dragged, and his character shown in its true light. Evidence brought out at the examination by District Attorney Coatsworth has shown Burdick to have been a loving father, always willing to sacrifice his own happiness and pride for the sake of his children; that he was the victim of false friends and broken pledges and in the face of it all, a forgiving and indulgent husband.

Efforts of the authorities to fix the crime upon someone will not end with the inquest. At the same time there is now little hope of success in it.

## Two Soldier Prisoners Escape

Made a Key From a Spoon and Opened  
Doors to Liberty.

Chicago, March 26.—With the aid of a skeleton key, which they filed from a spoon, Benjamin Adams and James Marlon, two prisoners at Fort Sheridan, picked the lock of the cell door in the guardhouse last night, then unlocked another door leading through the kitchen and escaped on a passing freight train. Both of the men were being kept in solitary confinement.

A guard stationed near the door of the kitchen saw them emerge, and after commanding them to halt, fired several shots, but it is believed none of the bullets took effect. Adams was to have been returned to Texas today to serve out a sentence of three years for horse stealing.

## Until Prices Are Advanced

Independents and P. P. & N. Will  
Control All Reds in First Hands.

Seattle, March 26.—The independent Alaska canneries directed today to take all their stock of red salmon off the market until prices go up. The Pacific Packing and Navigation company will do the same, and between them they will control all of the red salmon in first hands.

Owing to the damage done to the canneries at Brits bay by the recent tidal wave and the closing down of the plants of southeastern Alaska, it is estimated this season's pack will be 1,000,000 cases short.

ATHLETICS A PROFESSION.  
No Longer Dignified Sport, and Much  
Overdone, Says President Butler.

New York, March 26.—President Nicholas Butler of Columbia has aroused considerable discussion among the students at that university and elsewhere by a statement in an undergraduate paper that athletics nowadays are being overdone.

"Twenty-one years ago," said President Butler, "the proper proportions

between work and play were better observed than now and athletics were genuine sports, not occupations." He goes on to say that the athletics are too much in the public eye, that they rush to the newspapers with their squabbles and their successes, and that their achievements are lauded like the labors of Hercules.

"He is taught for a few brief years," President Butler continues, "to look at life through a magnifying glass, and when the glass is taken away from him on the opening of commencement day, things look small indeed."

## Jones Succeeds President Uhler

San Francisco Engineer Becomes Head  
of National Organization.

San Francisco, March 26.—Frank A. Jones, a well known marine engineer, departs today for Chicago to assume the office of national president of the National Association of Marine Engineers, made vacant by the resignation of the previous incumbent, George Uhler, who has been appointed by President Roosevelt to the office of supervising inspector general of the United States steamboat inspection service.

Mr. Jones is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office he is about to assume, having been the national vice-president for many years, and the representative of the local association of marine engineers since 1893.

## Will Be No More Strikes

Florida, Ill., March 26.—Bishop Spaulding, who has just returned from his labors on the anthracite strike commission, in an interview today gave it as his opinion that the period of strikes in the United States has passed forever and that arbitration will be used to settle all labor difficulties in the future.

LOSES TO SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, March 26.—San Francisco, 7; Portland, 3.

## UNION HOPES TO WIN OUT

By Holding Together Strikers Are  
Sure of Gaining Their  
Points.

COMPANY DOES NOT WEAKEN

Tie-Up of Cars Almost Complete  
Few Running and Those  
Only By Fits and Starts.

Seattle, March 26.—The tie-up of the streetcar system was almost complete on the first day of the strike, but seven cars were operated during the day, and these ran only spasmodically. There are now 64 names on the rolls of the union and strikers say they now have more than 90 percent of the carmen in their ranks.

The officials of the company show no signs of weakening and strikers are jubilant over the first day's battle. They will confine their efforts to keeping their organization in tact while the company will keep on trying to get new men. No overtures for peace were made by either side.

Members of the union believe if they can keep their organization in tact that they will win. They are, therefore, using every effort to keep enthusiasm up to a high pitch, strengthening up the weak-kneed and emphasizing the necessity of keeping pickets out all the time to see that there are no desertions from the ranks.

ARIZONA BEET SUGAR FACTORY.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 26.—Articles of incorporation of the Eastern Sugar company have been filed here. The company is incorporated in New Jersey, but proposes to operate in this territory. Contracts have been made between the farmers of Salt River valley and the company for the erection of a factory at a cost of half a million dollars.

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